

Minutes

TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMISSION

Public Works Facility

Tuesday, March 10, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. Commission members: Tom Curry, Courtney Ferreira, Kathy Moore, and Blanca Davison were present. Minutes from the December 9, 2014 meeting were read. Courtney Ferreira made a motion to approve minutes as read, Blanca Davison seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.

The following operational activities were discussed. The Transit Supervisor participated in a legislative breakfast held at the State Capital on February 3, 2015. She was able to meet with Senator Brase and Representative Carlson to discuss Transit's need for replacement vehicles in Iowa's aging fleet. The breakfast was sponsored by the Iowa Public Transit Association.

The Transit Supervisor reported that a Public Hearing has been set for April 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall for the Consolidated Funding Application. The Public Hearing is a required component in the annual application for State and Federal funding.

At the same City Council meeting, a fare increase will be discussed. MuscaBus has not raised fares since 2003. The proposed fare for Route rides is \$1.00, instead of .75. The proposed fare for ParaTransit (Shuttle), JARC and New Freedom rides is \$2.00, instead of \$1.00. The proposed rate for a monthly pass is \$32.00, instead of \$28.00. The proposed rate for Shell rides is \$1.50 instead of \$1.00 each ride. Also proposed is the ticket price for Route, ParaTransit, JARC and New Freedom to be identical to the cash price instead of the slight discount now offered. The Council will receive public comments during the meeting. All members of the general public are welcome to attend. Any person with a disability requiring a reasonable accommodation to participate should contact the MuscaBus office at 563-263-8152 at least two days prior to the Public Hearing.

In other operational news, MuscaBus assisted the Muscatine Symphony with rides from the Art Center parking lot to Central Middle School Auditorium. Due to Jefferson School construction, parking is limited.

MuscaBus held training meetings for all drivers for March 23, 2015 Route changes. MuscaBus has expanded the hours of operation for the Green Route due to the opening of the Unity Point Clinic located on North Point Drive. The hours of MuscaBus operation of the Green Route during this trial period are 7:40 a.m. to 4:40 p.m. MuscaBus will also reverse the Yellow route at the same time. This reversal creates more right hand turns for the drivers, a much safer option.

The Transit Supervisor participated in an Employee Motivation seminar in January.

Planning and goal setting items discussed included the expansion of the Green Route and the hiring of a new driver.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.. Motion Tom Curry, second Kathy Moore. Motion carried. The next Transit Advisory Commission meeting will be held at Public Works on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.. Members of the general public are welcome to attend. Any person with a disability requiring a reasonable accommodation to participate should contact the MuscaBus office at 563-263-8152 at least two days prior to the Transit Advisory Commission meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Korpi, Transit Supervisor